WITCHCRAFT AND SORCERY

Dr Talmage Warns People Against What He Terms the Religion of Ghosts.

In this discourse Dr. Talmage dis cusses a theme never more under exploration than at this time and warns people against what he calls a religion of ghosts; text, I Samuel xxviii, 7: "Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Eo-dor. And Saul disguised himself and put on other raiment and he went, and two men with him. and they came to the woman by night.'

Trouble to the right of him and trouble to the left of him, Saul knew not what to do. As a last resort he concluded to seek out a spiritual medium or a witch or anything that you please to call her-a woman who had communication with the spirits of the eternal world. It was a very difficult thing to do, for Saul had either slain all the witches or compelled them to stop business. A servant one day said to King Saul, "I know of a spiritual medium down at the village of Endor.' "Do you?" said the king. Night falls. Saul, putting off his kingly robes and putting on the dress of a plain citizen, with two servants, goes out to hunt up this medium.

Saul and his servants after awhile reached the village, and they say, "I wonder if this is the house," and they look in, and they see the haggard, weird and shriveled up sptiritual medium sitting by the light and on the table sculptured images and divining rods and poisonous herbs and bottles and vases. They say, 'Yes, this must be the place." One loud rap brings the woman to the door, and as she stands there, bolding the candle or lamp above her head and peering out into the darkness, she says, "Who is here?" The tall king informs her that he has come to have his fortune told. When she hears that, she trembles and almost drops the light, for she knows there is no chance for a fortune teller or spiritual medium in all the land. But Saul having sworn that no harm shall come to her, she says, "Well, who shall I bring up from the dead?" Saul says, "pring up Samuel." That was the prophet who had died a little

I see her waving a wand, or stirring up some poisonous herbs in a caldron, or hear her muttering over some incantations, or stamping with her foot as she cries out to the realm of the dead: "Samuel, Samuel!" Lo, the freezing horror! The floor of the cenement opens and the gray hairs float up and the forehead, the eyes, the lips, the shouldsepulchral robe, appearing to the astonished group, who stagger back and hold fast and catch their breath and shiver with terror.

The dead prophet, white and awful from the tomb, begins to move his ashen lips, and he glares upon King Saul and cries out: "What did you Saul and cries out: "What did you bring me up for?" What do you mean, King Saul?" Saul, trying to compose and control himself, makes this stammering and affrighted utterance as he says to the dead prophet: "The Lord is against me, and I have come to you for help. What shall I do?" The for help. What shall I do?" dead prophet stretched forth his finger to King Saul and said: "Die tomorrow! Come with me into the sepulcher. I am going now. Come, come with me!" And, lo, the floor again opens, and the feet of the dead prophet disappear and the arms and the shoulders and the forehead! The foor closes. Oh, that was an awful scene!

We are surrounded by mystery-before and behind us, to the right of us, to the left of us, mystery. There is a vast realm unexplored that science. 1 have no doubt, will yet map out. He who explores that realm will do the world more service than did ever a Columbus or an Amerigo Vespucci. There are so many things that cannot be acmating to the specual, so many effects

present state and the future state all the fingers of superstition have been pocus, enough to deceive the very elect. history of divination. Delphic oracle, sibyl or palmistry or the whole centuries of imposture.

Modern spiritualism proposes to open the door between this world and the next and put us into communicawith the dead. It has never yet offered one reasonable credential.

When I and Saul in my text consult. ing a familiar spirit, I learn that spiritualism is a very old religion.

Spiritualism in America was born in the year 1847, in Hydesville, Wayne county, N. Y., when one night there was a loud rap heard against the door of Michael Weekman; a rap a second time, a rap a third time, and all three times, when the door was opened there was nothing found there, the knocking having been made seemingly by invisible knuckles. In that same house there was a young woman who had a cold hand passed over her face, and, there being seemingly no arm attached to it, ghostly suspicious were excited. After awhile Mr. Fox with his fami-

ly moved into that house, and then they had bangings at the door every night. One night Mr. Fox cried out. "Are you a spirit?" Two raps-answer in the affirmative. "Are you an one that yields to it. It ruins the injured spirit?" . Two raps-answer in the affirmative. Then they knew right away that it was the spirit of a peddler who had been murdered in that house years before and who had been robbed peddler came back to collect his \$500 or his bones I do not know.

The excitement spread. There was a universal rumpus. The Hon. Judge Edmonds declared in a book that he the people that were standing in the closet; ther, swung by invisible hands, be happy, as men have been under such it rang over the people in the back parlor and floated through the folding nerves are shattered! Spiritualism doors to the front parlor, rang over the smites first of all, and mightily, against people there and then dropped on the the nervous system and so makes life floor. A senator of the United States, miserable. afterward governor of Wisconsin, had A man in Bellevue Respital dying P. S.—I am using it now myself. Nov. 20, 1899. He is about 36 years his head quite turned with spiritual- from wounds made by his own hand was It's doing me good. Sold by The Muristic demonstrations. The tables tip- asked why he tried to commit suicide, ped, and the stools tilted, and the bed- and he said, "The spirits told me to." druggists.

had gone into the furniture business! plied, "Spiritualism demanded it." thousands of years ago, we find in our text, a spiritualist Nothing in the spiritualistic circles

turies of the world. In all ages there cism that is revolting to the natural have been necromancers, those who mind," consult with the spirit of the departed; It not only ruins its disciples, but it charmers, those who put their subjects ruins the mediums also, only give it in a mesmeric state; sorcerers, those time. The Gadarene swine on the who by taking poisonous drugs see banks of the lake of Galilee no sconer everything and hear everything and became spiritual mediums than down tell everything; dreamers, people who they went in an avalanche of pork, to in their sleeping moments can see the the consternation of all the herdsmen. future world and hold consulation with | The office of a medium is bad for a man, spirits. Yes, before the time of Christ, bad for a woman, bad for a beast. the Brahmans went through all the ment, which the spirits have exploited the unseen world.

What does God think of all these delusions? He thinks so severely of them althaugh the Scriptures say, you might make some important distinction between spiritualism and witchcraft God says in so many words, "There shall not be among you a consulter of familiar spirits, or wizard, or necromancer, for they that do these things are an abomination unto the The Lord God Almighty in a score of passages which I have not now time to quite utters his indignation against all this great family of delusions. After that be a spiritualist if

Still further, we learn from this text how it is that people come to fall into spiritualism. Saul had enough trouble to kill ten men. He did not know where to go for relief. After awhile he resolved to go and see the witch of Ea-lor. He expected that somehow she would afford him relief. It was his trouble drove him there. Ard I have to tell you now that spiritualism finds its victims in the troubled, the bankrupt, the sick, the bereft. You lose your watch, and you go to the fortune teller to find where it is. You lose a friend; you want the

spiritual world opened, so that you may have communication with him. In a highly wrought, nervous and diseased state of mind you go and put yourself in that communication. That is why I hate spiritualism. It takes advantage of one in a moment of weakness, which may come upon us at any time. We lose a friend The trial is keen, sharp, suffocating, almost maddening. If we could marshal a host and storm the eterna! world and recapture our loved one, the host would soon be marshaled. ers, the arms, the feet-the entire The house is so lonely. The world is body of the dead Samuel-wrapped in so dark. The separation is so insufferable. But spiritualiem sags open the future world, and your loved one can come back and talk to you." Though we may not hear his voice, we may hear the rap of his hand. So, clear the table. Sit down. Put your hands on the table. Be very quiet. Five minutes gone. Ten minutes. No motion of the table. No response from the future world. Twenty minutes. Thirty minutes. Nervous excitement all the time increasing. Forty minutes. The table shivers. Two raps from the future world. The letters of the alphabet are called over. The departed friend's name is John. At the pronunciation of the letter J two raps. At the pronunciation of the letter O two raps. At the pronunciation of the letter H two raps. At the pronunciation of the letter N two raps. There you have the whole name spelled out -

Pretty soon the hand of the medium begins to twitch and toss and begins to write out, after paper and ink are furnished, a message from the eternal world. What is remarkable, the departed spirit, although it has been amid the illuminations of the heaven, cannot counted for, so many sounds and ap- spell as well as it used to. It has lost pearances which dely acoustics and in- all grammatical accuracy and cannot vestigation, so many things approxi- write as distinctly. I received a letter through a medium once I sent it which do not seem to have a suffi ient back. I said, "Just please to tell those ghosts they had better go to school and get improved in their orthography.' Now, just think of spirits, that the Bible represents as enthroned in globusy. We have books entitled "Foot- ry, coming down to crawl under the falls on the Boundaries of Other table and break crockery and ring tea Worlds;" "The Debatable La. Be-bells before supper is ready and rap the tween This World and the Next." "Re-window shutter on a gusty night! searches Into the Phenomena of Spirit- What consolation in such miserable ualism" and whole dibraries of hocus stuff as compared with the consolation of our departed friends free from teil I shall not take time to rehearse the and sin and pain are forever happy and that we will join them, not in mysterious and half utterance which makes the hair stand on end and makes cold chills creep the back, but in a reunion most

blessed and happy and glorious! And none shall murmur or misdoubt When God's great sunrise finds us out.

I learn still further from this subject that spiritualism and necromancy are affairs of darkness. Why did not Saul go in the day? He was ashamed to go. Besides that, he knew that this spiritual medium, like all her successors, pe.formed her exploits in the night. The Davenports, the Fowlers, Foxes, the spiritual mediums of allages, have chosen the night or a dark- thing, for if it tells what the Bible reened room. Why? The majority of their wonders have been scindles, what the Bible does not reveal it is a Asparagus, Carrot, Parsnip, Salsify, and deception prospers best in the

Still futher, I learn from my text he would get help from the "medium," but the first that he sees makes him swoon away, and no sooner is he resusciated than he is told he must die. Spiritualism is doom and death to every body. Look in upon an audience of spiritualists-cadaverous, weak, nervous. exhausted, hands clammy and cold, voices sepulchral and ominous, of his \$500. Whether the spirit of the confirmed spiritualist who had healthy nervous system. It is incipient epilepsy and catalepsy. Destroy your nervous system, and you might as well be dead. I have noticed that people who are hearing raps from the future world have | Hark! There comes a voice with tenhad actually seen a bell start from the but little strength left to bear the hard | der, overmastering intonation, saying, top shelf of a closet, heard it ring over raps of this world. A man can live "My spirit shall not always strive." with only one lung or with no eyes and

afflictions, but woe be to the man whose

steads raised, and the chairs upset, and | Parents have strangled their children, it seemed as if the spirits everywhere and when asked why they did it re-Well, the people said: "We have got is the patronizer and forager for the something new in this country. It is | madhouse. Judge Edmonds, in Broada new religion!" Oh, no, my friend, way tabernacle, New York, delivered a lecture concerning spiritualism, admitted in so many words, "There is a fascination about consultation with the of our day has been more strange, mys- spirits of the dead that has a tendency terious and wonderful than things to lead people off from their right judgwhich have been seen in the past cen- ment and to instill into them a fanati-

I bring against this delusion a more table moving, all the furniture excite | fearful indictment-it ruins the soul immortal. First, it makes a man a 2" our day, precisely the same thing quarter of an infidel; then it makes him over and over again, under the manipu- | half an infidel; then it makes him a lation of the Brahmans. Now, do you say that spiritualism is different from conceive it, is founded on the insuffithese? I answer, all these delusions I ciency of the word of God as a revelahave mentioned belong to the same tion. God says the Bible is enough family. They are exhumations from | for you to know about the future world. that he never speaks of them but with | thou not anto his words, lest he relivid thunders of indignation. He prove thee and thou be found a liar," says, "I will be a swift witness against | you risk it and say: "Come back spirit the sorcerer." He says, "Thou shalt of my departed mother, of my compannot suffer a witch to live." And lest ions, of my little child, and tell me some things I don't know about you

and abaut the uoseen world.

If God is ever slapped in the face it is when a spiritul medium puts down her hand on the table, invoking spirits departed to make a revelation. God has told you all you ought to know. and how dare you be prying into that which is none of your business? You cannot keep the Bible in one hand and spiritualism in the other. One or the other will slip out of your grasp, depend upon it. Spiritualism is adverse to the Bible, in the fact that it has in these last days called from the tuture world. Christian men to to testify against Christianity. Its mediums call back Lorenzo Dow, the celebrated evangelist, and Lorenzo Dow testifies that Christians are idolators. Spiritualism calls back Tom Paine, and he testifies that he is stopping in the same house in heaven with John Bunyan. They call back John Wesley, and he testifies against the Christian religion. which he all his life gloriously preach Andrew Jackson Davis, the greatest all the spiritualists, comes to the front and declares that the New Testament is but "the dismal echo of a barbaric age" and the Bible only "one of the pen and ink relics of Christianity."

I have in my house a book used in spiritualistic service. It contains a catechism and a hymn book. The catechism has these questions and answers: Q. What is our chief baptism? Frequent ablution in water. What is our inspiration? Q. What is our in Fresh air and sunshine.

Q. What is our love feast? A. conscience and sound sleep. And then it goes on to show that a vice is a system of calisthenics, Then when they want to arouse the devotion of the people to the highest pitch, they

The night hath gathered up her silken

Or, on the fifteenth page:

Come to the woods, heigh ho! "But," says some one, "wouldn't it be of advantage to hear from the fu ture world? Don't you think it would strengthen Christians? There are a great many materialists who do not believe there are souls, but if spirits from the future world should knock and talk over to us they would be persuad-To that I answer in the ringing words of the Son of God, "If they believe not Moses and the prophets, John, John. Now, the spirit being neither will they be persuaded though present, you say, "John, are you happy?" Two raps give an affirmative anone rose from the dead.'

I believe these are the days of which the apostle spake when he said, "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spir-Audiences in this day need to have reiterated in their hearing the passages I quoted some minutes ago, 'There shall not be among you a consulter of familiar spirits, or wizard, or necromancer, for they that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord," and "The soul that turneth af-

ter such as have familiar spirits I will set myself against them, and they shall be cut off from their people." But I invite you now to a Christian seance, a noonday seance. This congregation is only one great famile. Here is the church table. Come around the church table; take your seats for this great Christian seace; put your Bible on the table, put your hands on top of the Bible and then listen and hear if there are any voices coming from the eternal world. I think there are. Listen! "Secret things belong unto the Lord, our God, but things that are revealed belong unto us and our children." Surely that is a voice from the spirit world. But before you rise from this Christian seance I want you to promise me you will be satisfied with the divine revelation until the light of the eternal throne breaks upon your vision. Do not go after the witch of En-dor. Do not sit down at table rap-

pings either in sport or in earnest.

Teach your children there are no ghosts to be seen or heard in this world save those which walk on two feet or them in the order in which they should four-human or bestial. Remember | be sown. viz: Garden Peas in varieties that spiritualism at the best is a useless | for succession, Cauliflower, Early Cablie. Instead of going out to get other people to tell your fortune tell your own fortune by putting your trust in hat spiritualism is doom and death to | God and doing the best you can. I will its disciples. King Saul thought that | tell your fortune: "All things work together for good to them that love God." Insult not your departed friends by asking them to come down and scrabb'e under an extension table. Remember that there is only one spirit whose dictation you have a right to invoke, and that is the holy, blessed and omnipotent spirit of God. Hark! He is rapping now, not on a table or the floor, but rapping on the door of your heart, and bewildered with raps. I never knew a every rap is an ivitation to Christ and a warning of judgment to come. Oh, for hogs. Sow Dwarf Essex Rape. grieve him not away! Quench him not. Buy your seeds from T. W. Wood & He has been all around you this morning. He was all around you last night. He has been around you all your lives.

> Gainesville, Ga., Dec. 8, 1899. Pitts' Antiseptic Invigorator in my family and am perfectly that it is all, and will do all, you claim for it.

Yours truly, A. B. C. Dorsey. THE SIEGE RAISED

Ladysmith Free After Being Locked Up Four Months.

GREAT JOY IN ENGLAND.

Scenes of Wild Joy Never Before Kown in This Generation Mark Relief of Little South African Town.

The British war office received the following dispatch from Gen. Buller Thursday

Lyttleton's Headquarters, March 1, Gen. Dundonald, with the Natal Carbincers and a composite regiment, entered Ladysmith last night. The county between me and Ladysmith is reported clear of the enemy. Moving on Nelthorpe. I have just returned from Ladysmith. Except a small guard north of Surprise Hill, the whole of the You say it is not enough, and there is enemy lately besieging the town have where you and the Lord differ. And retireded in haste and to the south of the town the country is quite clear of them. The garrison were on half a pound of meal a man per day and supplementing the meal ration by horses and mules. The men will want a little nursing before being fit for the field.

When the news of the relief of Ladysmith became generally known London literally went mad with joy and throughout England the scenes witnessed have no parallel in the memories of this generation.

The lord mayor of London immediately telegraphed his congratulations to Gens. White and Buller. When the queen received the news at Windsor the bells on the curfew tower of the castle were rung in honor of the event.

The strain that for 118 days had kept the nation in terrible anxiety was removed. The lord mayor showed himself at a window out of which hung a huge City Imperial Volunteer flag and the crowd yelled itself hoarse. Staid magnates grabbed flaring posters from newsboys and branished "Ladysmith relived" to the roaring throng. All thought of business was forgotten. Nothing could be done on the stock exchange but sing "God Save the Queen" and cheer. Business on the Baltic wheat market for cargoes closed at 1 their shutters and gave their employes a holiday.

The lord mayor ordered a holiday for the city schools. The great bell in St. Paul's was rung this evening. The stately foreign office so far forgot itself as to display large Unionjacks from the windows. A cabinet meeting was held and as the members met at the entrance to the foreign office they exchanged the warmest congratulations.

Crowds blocked the war office lobbies, struggling to see for themselves the announcement and cheered the British generals in South Africa to the great proportion of their religious sergreat proportion of the pr London residence of the Prince Wales, a large and jubilant crowd assembled. give out the hymn on the sixty-fifth

At Glasgow, Liverpool, Birmingham Edinburgh, and in fact, in all the cities, big and little flags flew everywhere, whistles tooted, bells chimed and crowds paraded the streets, singing patriotic songs. Business was given up for the day, the schools were closed. in the harbors all the vessels dressed ship, and at the military and naval depots scenes of the wildest enthusiasm pre-

At Liverpool, addressing a crowd of 20,000 people assembled around the town hall, the lord mayor said: thank the Almighty God for the glorious news. We have awaited it patiently. We are satisfied that under the humane laws and government of this country, the Boers in a very short time will be loyal citizens of the British

The queen has telegraphed her congratulations to Gen. Buller and Gen. White, and the Prince of Wales has telegrahed congratulation to Gen. Bul-

All day long cheering thousands kept up the incessant roar before the mansion house, and all traffic in what is Pandemonium reigned. The news of of people. Silk hats flew into the air and small fights were of frequent occurrence. The policemen on the spot had their hands full, but as long as the enthusiasm of the crowd was only confined to horse play, the officers did not interfere.

Tons of fireworks are being bought in reparation for elaborate celebrations. In several provincial towns effigies of President Kruger and Gen. Cronje were paraded through the streets and President Kruger was subjected to instatue. User 1,000 university and colcheering.

Garden Work for March. all kinds of hardy seeds, and the sooner most of them are sown the better, if hospital. the weather is favorable. We name bage seed, Onion, Celery, Spinach, etc. Under glass, sow Tomato, Pepper and Egg-Plant seed Plant Irish Potatoes, Asparagus and Rhubarb roots, Onion sets. etc. Set out Cauliflower, Cabbage, Onions and Lettuce Plants, from hotbeads, after they have been hardened by leaving the glass open at Sow Herbs in a warm barder. Prepare Melon, Cucumber and squash hills for later planting. Sow the hardy kinds of flower seeds, as they will flower earlier. Sow Lawn Grass Seed. For the Farm .- Sow winter and spring oats, Canada Field Peas with oats Clover seed, Grass seeds of all Sons, Richmond, Va.

Shot at a President.

During the carnival procession Wednesday a Venezuelan fired two shots at President Cripiano Caracas without efect. The president was afterwards acclaimed by the populace. The city is quiet. Gen. Castro became president of Venezuela last October as a result of the successful revolution against President Andrade, who fled from the republic. But, Castro was not recognized as and then he shot and killed her. president by the United States until A kingdom for a cure .

HOW THEY MEET.

"You Made a Gallant Defence, Sir." Said Gen. Roberts.

In describing the surrender of Gen. Cronje to Gen. Roberts a dispatch from Paardeberg says at 3 a. m. the British camp was awakened by the continued rattle of rifle fire at daybreak and the news arrived that the Canadians, while building a trench quite close to the enemy were fusilladed at a range of 50 yards. The Canadians gallantly worked forward and occupied the edge of the trenches along the river, entirely en-filading the Boers. This movement was followed by a cessation of the fire, except an occasional solitary shot.

Suddenly a regiment stationed on the crest of a hill perceived a white flag and burst into cheers, thus first announcing the surrender of Gen. Cronje. Shrotly afterward a note reached Lord Roberts bringing tidings of the Boers' unconditional surrender, Gen. Prettyman was sent to accept the sur-

At about 7 o'clock the small group of men appeared in the distance crossing the plain towards headquarters. The latter being apprised of Gen. Cronje's approach, Lord Roberts went to the front in the modest cart in which he sleeps and ordered a guard of the Seaforths to line up. A group of horsemen then appeared. On Gen. Prettyman's right rode an elderly man clad in a rough short overcoat, wide-brimmed hat, ordinary tweed trousers and brown shoes. It was the redoubtable Cronje. His face was almost burned black and his curly beard was tinged

with gray.

Lord Roberts walked to and fro in front of the cart until the Boer general arrived, when the British commander advanced gravely and kindly saluted the Boer commander. He then motioned Gen. Cronje to a seat in a chair which had been brought for his accommodation and the two officers conversed through an interpreter. Gen. Cronje afterwards breakfasted

with the British officers. Cronje's face was absolutely impasive, exhibiting no sign of his inner

Lord Roberts was surrounded by his staff when Gen. Prettyman, addressing the field marshal, said: "Commandant Cronje, Sir."

The commandant touched his hat in salute and Lord Roberts saluted in return. The whole group then dismounted and Lord Roberts stepped forward o'clock. No one wanted to trade on such a day as this. The stores put up mader.

"You made a gallant defense, sir, was the first salutation of Lord Roberts to the vanquished Boer leader. LESLIE E KEELEY'S MEMORY.

Resolutions Adopted by the South Carolina Institute.

At a recent meeting held in the club coms of the Keeley Institute, Columoia, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas we have heard with profound sorrow of the sudden death of Leslie Fi Keeley, M. D., LL. D., at

his winter home, Los Angles, California, and whereas we, the patients of the Keeley Institute in the city of Columbia, South Carolina, aseembled, desiring to unite with our fellow patients n this and foreign countries in paying ribute to the memory of Dr. Keeley, Resolved, That we, the patients of

herefore, be it the Keeley Institute of Columbia, South Carolina, find words inadequate to express our deep gratitude to the distinguished deceased for the inestimable blessings which we, in common with nearly four hundred thousand, enjoy in being cured from inebriety and opiumism; that we will ever hold in ove and reverence the memory of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley as a distinguished scientist, philanthropist, Christian and scholar who, sacrificing positions of honor and trust, devoted his life in perfecting a cure for alcoholism and morphineism, in doing good to his fellow man and the cause of suffering human-

A Terrible Scene.

The greatest fire Newark, N. J., ver experienced swept through the retail dry goods district Wednesday night, destroying a score or more buildings. The fire broke out about 6:30, p. m., London's busiest concourse ceased. after the several hundred employes had left the building which was then taken the mansion house demonstration had charge of by a number of sweepers. It spread to all quarters of the city and it thought that some of the engine there poured in a stream of hoodlums room force and similar employes may and fakirs, laden down with flagf! wo- have been in the building. The flames men, boys, and all sorts and conditions spread with terrible rapidity, the entire building being enveloped before the arrival of the firemen. Only one man was seen, and he was at a window on the second floor in a freezy of fear. The firemen raised a ladder, but before they could scale it the man swung himself through the broken window and on to the ladder. As he reached the ladder a rush of flame came through the window engulfing him. It receded in a moment, and the man was seen on the ladder wrapped in fire as his clothing burned. maltreated. At Glasgow an effigy of A fireman ran up the ladder on the under side and grabbed him to prevent dignities at the foot of the queen's him falling. Then others went up on the upper side and began tearing the lege students paraded the streets of burning clothing from the man. They London singing "Rule Britannia" and did this with their naked hands and were themselves burned. Thousands of people witnessed the thrilling scene. The burning clothing was torn from This is the active month for sowing the man and with it came portions of the flesh. The man was taken to a

The War Still On.

A dispatch from Manila says: A hundred insurgents seven miles from San Fernando deela Union ambushed ten men of the Third cavalry who were escorting a provision train. The Americans scattered, and while returning to camp, one man was killed. The insurgents captured four horses and a quantity of provisions. A subsequent reconnaissance of the locality developed the fact that there were entrenchments there and a force of Filipinos, estimated to number 800 men. The Third cavalry is preparing to drive the insurgents out. The recently purchased naval ir insport Alava sent to Regay in the Gulf of Liberate, for Spanish prisoners, has returned here, bringing 500 persons, including priests, officers, soldiers and civilians and 10 Americans. sorts, Tobacco seed. Plant Artichoke | The navy officers being informed that the prisoners were carelessly guarded, hurried the Alava to Ragay, manned by 20 bluejackets. Six officers from the Brooklyn and five marines accom-

panied the transport. Killed His Mother. George Williams, a young Negro man, killed his mother while they were following the corpse of the husband an father to the grave near Pleasent Hill, Ga., Wednesday. The boy ordered his mother to stop her manifestations of grief. She paid no attention to him

You need not pay so much. A twenty five cens bottle of L. L. & K. Will drive all ills away. See ad. and try it-never fails.

ANALYSIS OF FERTILIZERS.

Text of the New Act in Regard to the

Mr. Ashley failed to get the senate to pass his bill reducing the privilege tax on fertile 10 cents a ton. But he was more secessful with his bill to provide that a purchaser of chemical fertilizers may have the same analvzed free of cost at Clemson college. The act, which was approved by the governor on the 19th, reads:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the gen eral assembly of the State of South Carolina: That from and after the passage of this act, any citizen of this State who shall purchase any commercial fertilizers or manures, shall have the right to have the same analyzed by Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical college, by taking a sample of same from at least 10 per cent. of such fertilizers in the presence of at least two disinter ested witnesses, one to be chosen by the purchaser and one by the seller, who shall certify that such sample was taken from such fertilizers or manures. which certificate, with the sample, shall be sealed by a third disinterested party in the presence of said witnesses, and directed to Clemson Agricultural

and Mechanical college. Sec. 2. The said college shall have the said sample analyzed free of cost, and within three months after receiving the sample supply the purchasers of such fertilizers or manures with a certificate giving the per cent. of the different fertilizing ingredients of same, signed by the chemist of Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical college, which certificate shall be admissible as evidence in all suits relative to such fertilizers or manures, whether the same be instituted by the vendor or purchaser of same. Sec. 3. That any vendor of commer-

cial fertilizers or manures whose goods or wares fall short to the extent of 10 per cent. in any fertilizing ingredient guaranteed by the analysis on the sack or vessel holding same, when delivered to the purchaser, shall forfeit one-half the sale price thereof, to be recovered by suit or set up as a counter-claim to an action for the purchase price of such fertilizers or manures.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted: That if any seller or vendor of fertilizers or commercial manures shall refuse, decline or neglect to choose a witness, as provided in section 1, after having been notified or requested by the pur-chaser so to do, then he or they shall have forfeited their right so to do, and the purchaser shall select two witnesses, who shall select the third witness, who shall proceed to take samples as herein-before provided. All samples of fertilizers drawn under the provisions of this act shall be subject to such other rules as may be prescribed by the board of trustees of Clemson college, not inconsistent with this act.

Sec. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

A Pitiful Case.

There is a white woman named Marie Martin, who is lying almost at the door of death in the house of a colored wcman named Charlotte Smith, on wo ford street. Amid squalor and environment of utter degradation of choice of habit, this woman, who claims that her pepole live at Graniteville, is fast approaching the end of a dissipated life. In the county jail are lodged Eva Stokes, Mame Robinson and John Woodward, all white, who are charged with inflicting serious injuries on the person of Marie Martin. From the facts gleanned by the reporter from Chief of Police Vernon it appears that several days ago a fight occurred at the house of Eva Stokes, in which Marie Martin, Eva Stokes and Mame Robinson figured. In the melee the Martin woman was struck on the left arm several times with a beer bottle. After this fight, in the course of a day or two she claims that a white man named John Woodward struck her with an iron polker. On Monday Chief of Police Vernon was notified that the Martin woman was dangerously sick at the home of Charlotte Smith, colored, on Wofford street. He investigated the case and summoned a physician to the sick woman. This woman now lies at the point of death from blood poisoning, and if she dies the persons above mentioned will remain in jail on charge of murder and if she lives they will be tried for assault and battery with intent to kill. Marie Martin is a woman about 30 years of age, of medium build, and a brunette. She is of comely appearance and claims to come from a very respectable family near Charleston .-

Spartanburg Herald. A Postmaster in Trouble. A dispatch to The State from Marion says Leonard L. Owens, postmaster at that place, was arrested Wednesday under a warrant issued by United States Commissioner J. W. Johnson on a charge of embezzling the funds of the postoffice. The warrant was issued at the instance of Postoffice Inspector Moyer, who for several days has been investigating the condition of the office and has discovered a deficiency in the postmaster's accounts amounting to over \$1,000, Mr. Owens was appointed several months ago by President Mc-Kinley, to succeed Capt. Douglass Mc Intyre, whose term had expired. The catastrophe that has overtaken the new postmaster in so short a time is very surprising, in view of the fact that he performed faithful and creditable service as a deputy of his predecessor. Owens waived examination and gave ond for appearance, several responsible gentlemen becoming security.

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